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SUBJECT: JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY OPPOSES PRESIDENTIAL

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VISIT TO JAPAN

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A LEADER OF THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT STRONGLY OPPOSING PRESIDENT FORD'S PLANNED VISIT TO JAPAN. THE COMMUNIST POSITION WAS BASED ESSENTIALLY ON OPPOSITION TO THE US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF US BASES IN JAPAN. THE PARTY STATEMENT PORTRAYED THE VISIT AS AN EFFORT BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA TO SHORE UP HIS POLITICAL POSITION AT HOME.

THE COMMUNIST STATEMENT IS STANDARD FARE AND NOT THREATENING IN TONE. IT IS LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED BY SOMETHING SIMILAR FROM THE SOCIALISTS. THE SOCIALIST PARTY MAY BE MORE RESTRAINED, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE POSITION OF ITS FRIENDS

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IN PEKING, WHO PRESENTLY FAVOR CONTINUATION OF THE US-
 JAPANESE ALLIANCE BECAUSE OF THE RESTRAINING EFFECT IT HAS
 ON SOVIET AMBITIONS IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

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